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For: FLEXIBLE HOSE HAVING REDUCED	:	
FUEL VAPOR PERMEABILITY AND METHOD	:	
OF MANUFACTURING SUCH HOSE	:	

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